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Editorial Review

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Starred Review At his core, Harry Bosch is a cop with a mission—to tip the scales of justice toward the side of murder victims and their survivors. The scales can never be righted, of course, even by solving the cases Bosch is assigned in the Open Unsolved Unit of the LAPD. That is especially true in the 20-year-old murder of Danish journalist Anneke Jespersen, who was killed during the L.A. riots of 1992. What was Jespersen, a white woman, doing in South Central L.A. in the aftermath of the riots? As usual, Bosch faces not only the seeming impossibility of reconstructing a crime that has been cold for two decades but also the roadblocks imposed by the bureaucrats at the top of the LAPD. But Bosch has never met a roadblock he wasn't compelled to either barge through or cannily avoid. Harry is such a compelling character largely due to his fundamentally antiestablishment personality, which leads to chaos as often as to triumph, but also because his unswerving work ethic reflects not simply duty but also respect for the task before him. Harry does it right, even—or especially—when his bosses want something else entirely. That's the case this time—How would it look if a white cop made headlines by solving the riot-related murder of a white woman? Better to let it slide. In real life, we all let things slide, but in life according to Bosch, nothing slides. We like Harry, as we like many other fictional crime solvers, because he never stops, but we love him because he has the scars to prove that never sliding is no easy thing. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Connelly's twenty-fifth book appears in his twentieth year of publishing, an anniversary that his publisher has been celebrating throughout 2012 with various "Year of Connelly" promotions, all leading up to the publication of *The Black Box*. --Bill Ott

Review

PRAISE FOR *THE BLACK BOX* "Connelly draws on all his resources-his thorough knowledge of police work, his ability to fashion a complex tapestry of plot, and his ever deepening characterization of Bosch-to craft a mystery thriller sure to enthrall fans and newcomers alike."? *Publishers Weekly*

"I decided several years ago that this is the finest crime series written by an American, and nothing in the new book changes my mind."? *The Washington Post*

"Continues [Connelly's] streak of telling stellar crime stories . . . one of the top detectives in crime fiction."? *Chicago Sun-Times*

"Four stars! Crime writer Michael Connelly is a reliably good storyteller and his novels' endings invariably pack a satisfying punch. Though I've said it before about some of his other novels, *THE BLACK BOX* [could] be the best yet . . . portrays Harry at his dogged, ingenious best."? *USA Today*

"How can Michael Connelly get better at his craft of writing! Just when you think he has reached the pinnacle of his career with a certain novel he comes along with a new one that is even better. Such is the case with *THE BLACK BOX*, a crime thriller that is pretty near perfection . . . Michael Connelly just keeps getting it right . . . He is at the top of the mountain . . . none exceed his abilities."? *Huffington Post*

"Few crime writers are as prolific or as successful as Michael Connelly . . . Connelly has always excelled at building suspense while paying careful attention to police procedural detail . . . will tantalize fans of the series."? *Los Angeles Times*

"Oh well, just another superb, ambitious murder mystery from one of the best writers in the business,

featuring perhaps the best fictional detective in crime fiction. It has been 20 years since Michael Connelly published his first novel, *The Black Echo*, and in all that time he hasn't put a foot wrong. **THE BLACK BOX** keeps his streak alive."? *Toronto Globe and Mail*

"[Bosch] is as formidable as he ever was . . . we see how far he has come and get a glimpse of the intriguing direction the series may take."? *New York Daily News*

"Bosch employs highly unorthodox but extremely entertaining methods for getting results, making sneaky end-runs around the sclerotic bureaucracy of the LAPD . . . It's fun to watch an old war horse like Bosch navigating the new technology (or, more often than not, getting younger officers to do it for him)."? *New York Times Book Review*

"Connelly has added one more to the apparently inexhaustible supply of cases that challenge Detective Harry Bosch of the Los Angeles Police Department. This one is a tightly knit tale . . . It's classic Connelly, who has a gift for narrating criminal investigations from the inside and bringing them to life."? *San Jose Mercury News*

About the Author

Michael Connelly is the author of the recent #1 "New York Times" bestsellers *The Drop*, *The Fifth Witness*, *The Reversal*, "The Scarecrow," "The Brass Verdict," and "The Lincoln Lawyer," as well as the bestselling Harry Bosch series of novels. He is a former newspaper reporter who has won numerous awards for his journalism and his novels. He spends his time in California and Florida.

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